

Senate Resolution 1549

By: Senator Carter of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Matthew Philip Offutt; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most promising young citizens  
3 with the untimely passing of Matthew Philip Offutt on April 16, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Matthew was the beloved son of Stephanie and Tim Offutt and the loving  
5 younger brother of Riann and Makaila; and

6 WHEREAS, a freshman at Richmond Hill High School in Savannah, Georgia, Matthew's  
7 favorite subjects were math and science; and

8 WHEREAS, he enjoyed playing basketball, drawing, video games, music, and spending time  
9 with his family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, afflicted with cancer, Matthew dreamed of being a herpetologist or geneticist;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Matthew was a compassionate and generous teenager with a great sense of  
13 humor and a heart of gold; and

14 WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory and positive influence,  
15 including his parents, his sisters, his cherished cat Sidney, and numerous loving relatives and  
16 close friends; and

17 WHEREAS, by the example Matthew made of his life, he made this world a better place in  
18 which to live, and though his life was cut tragically short, Matthew's memory and example  
19 will live on through the many lives he touched; and

20 WHEREAS, Matthew will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and  
21 this loyal son, brother, classmate, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
22 of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 join in honoring the life and memory of Matthew Philip Offutt and express their deepest and  
25 most sincere regret at his untimely passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Matthew Philip Offutt.